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SUBJECT: REFUGEES ABOARD VESSEL "YUVALI"

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SUMMARY: "YUVALI", WITH SIXTY-SIX REFUGEES ABOARD, ACCORDING TO SHIP'S AGENT, MUST REMAIN IN KEELUNG, ROC, AT LEAST UNTIL JUNE 26, DISCHARGING CARGO. ASSUMING SUBSEQUENT RED CROSS RELATIVE SEARCH AND VERIFICATION PROCEDURES PRODUCE CONFIRMATION OF CLAIMED RELATIONSHIPS; 12 REFUGEE FAMILY UNITS (WITH 36 INDIVIDUALS) APPEAR ABLE TO QUALIFY UNDER U.S. CONDITIONAL ENTRY/NONPREFERENCE IMMIGRANT VISA PROGRAM. THE REMAINING 30 PERSONS WOULD APPEAR UNABLE TO QUALIFY FOR CE. END SUMMARY.

1. SHIP'S AGENT REPORTS THAT THE ISRAELI-OWNED "YUVALI" (WITH SIXTY-SIX REFUGEES ABOARD) MUST REMAIN IN PORT OF KEELUNG, ROC, UNTIL JUNE 26 OR 27, TO COMPLETE DISCHARGE OF CARGO OF BULK-LOADED PHOSPHATE. UNLOADING OF PHOSPHATE COMMENCED ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21, AND PAST EXPERIENCE OF "YUVALI" HAS BEEN THAT ABOUT SIX WORK DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KEELUNG TO COMPLETE JOB. THE VESSEL'S NEXT SCHEDULED PORT OF CALL IS YOKOHAMA. THE VOYAGE FROM KEELUNG TO YOKOHAMA NORMALLY REQUIRES 3 TO 4 DAYS.

2. SIXTY-SIX REFUGEES HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO COME ASHORE BY GROC AUTHORITIES, BUT MASTER OF "YUVALI" HAS MADE OUTSTANDING EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE REFUGEES. HOWEVER, SHIP

NORMALLY CARRIES ONLY THIRTY-THREE OFFICERS AND CREW AND
ADDITIONAL SIXTY-SIX PERSONS NOW ABOARD ARE PLACING SEVERE
STRAIN ON LIMITED HOUSEKEEPING CAPACITY OF THE SHIP, E.G.,
ONE BATHROOM IS AVAILABLE FOR THE SIXTY-SIX.

3. ASSUMING THE RED CROSS RELATIVE SEARCH AND VERIFICATION
PROCEDURES PRODUCE CONFIRMATION OF RELATIONSHIPS, TWELVE
REFUGEE FAMILY UNITS (WITH THIRTY-SIX INDIVIDUALS)
WOULD APPEAR TO BE ABLE TO QUALIFY EVENTUALLY UNDER U.S.
CONDITIONAL ENTRY-NONPREFERENCE IMMIGRANT VISA PROGRAM. THE
REMAINING THIRTY INDIVIDUALS APPARENTLY COULD NOT QUALIFY UNDER
U.S. CE PROGRAM.

3. HOWEVER, SEVEN FAMILY UNITS (WITH 25 INDIVIDUALS)
MAY HAVE SOME CLAIM TO CHINESE NATIONALITY ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD
HAVE TO BE VERIFIED. OF THIS POSSIBLY "CHINESE" GROUP,
WE INCLUDED TWO FAMILY UNITS (ELEVEN PERSONS) UNDER THE GROUP
THAT WOULD APPEAR TO QUALIFY FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY.
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